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Fulbright Calls Ike 'Unwise' on U-2

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WASHINGTON, May 31 (AP).—Sen. J. William Fulbright (D.-Ark.) said today he still believes it was "unwise" for President Eisenhower to have taken responsibility for the ill-fated U-2 spy plane incident.

The chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee spoke after hearing three hours of top-secret testimony from Allen W. Dulles, director of the hush-hush Central Intelligence Agency.

BLAMES POLITICAL AIDES

Sen. Fulbright said he blamed the "questionable decisions" on political officials of the State Department and the White House.

Mr. Dulles, U. S. espionage chief, pulled a tight cloak of secrecy around his testimony about the shooting down of the spy plane two weeks before the collapse of the Paris Summit Conference.

Sen. Fulbright said he has heard no testimony to date that persuaded him it was wise for Mr. Eisenhower to have assumed responsibility for the flights.

And he indicated that Mr. Dulles himself had offered to take personal responsibility for the spy plane flight.

WOULD BE WILLING

Asked by a reporter if Mr. Dulles said he was willing to have accepted the responsibility, Sen. Fulbright replied:

"My impression was he has already said he would be willing to accept responsibility."

Sen. Fulbright talked at a news conference during a recess.

Sen. Fulbright said it was his opinion that Mr. Dulles had no part in the political decision" that led to President Eisenhower's assumption of responsibility.

"The questionable decisions were not taken by the Intelligence Agency, but by political officers in the State Department and the White House," Sen. Fulbright said, adding:

"By questionable, I do not mean devious, but that I question their wisdom."

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